

## **LOTTERY TICKET DISPENSING APPARATUS**

### **Abstract**

A lottery ticket dispensing machine includes a ticket dispensing mechanism for advancing a continuous strip of lottery tickets therethrough and subsequent separation of the selected number of tickets from the continuous strip. The machine includes a framing assembly for housing the dispensing mechanism which is controlled by a computer driven printed circuit board for determining the distance that the continuous strip of tickets will travel. The dispensing mechanism is powered by a motor for rotation of a set of pinch rollers and forward feed advancement of the continuous strip of lottery tickets therethrough. The strip of tickets travels past a stationary cutting blade subsequently hitting a deflector cover for directing the strip of tickets in an opposite direction until reaching the pre-set distance generated by the printed circuit board at which point the motor reverses and the first encountered perforation engages the stationary cutting blade for separation of the selected number of tickets from the continuous strip. In a second embodiment, the deflector cover is rotatably attached to the housing of the mechanism and is movable toward the cutting blade in order to move and hold the strip of continuous tickets against the cutting blade.